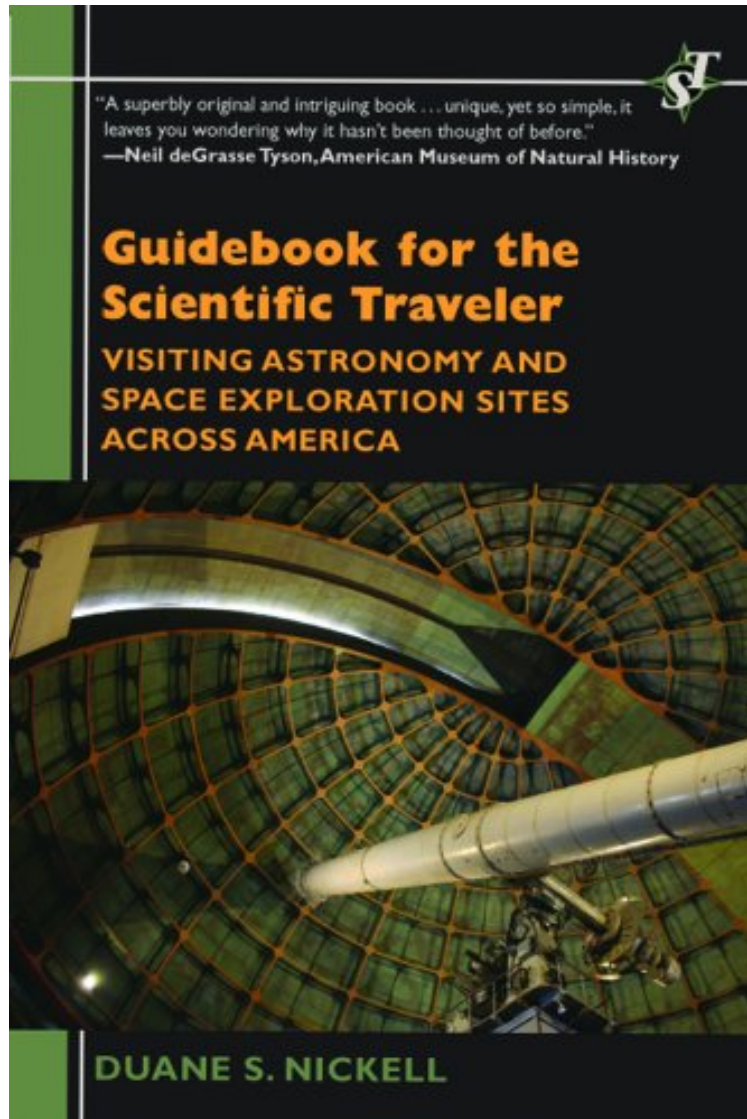


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I look forward to future vacations where I can include a site or two that are mentioned in the book. The chapters cover Native American astronomy sites, optical telescopes, radio telescopes, planetariums, NASA-related sites, space museums, and sites related to a select few people that are important in the world of astronomy. Each location includes a description of what you'll find at the site, and practical details like how to get there and the hours that the location is open. While this is not a comprehensive review of every possible astronomy-related location that exists, it seems like a good beginning.

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By Customer
Unfortunately, it is getting a bit dated.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Lots of good sites to visit, but some omissions
By Bruce L. Prickett
I like this book over-all, it has a lot of great information about visiting observatories and science locations. For example, I've been to Mauna Kea and Palomar Mountain, and I learned some new information about visiting them from this book. Each site is introduced with a good description of the historical and scientific character of the facility, and there are pointers to special features or easily missed displays that are worth hunting down. As a Bay Area resident, I have a major gripe: While the book lists Ames Research Center in Mountain View and Lick Observatory near San Jose, it ignores Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland. This is puzzling, since both Ames and Lick have very limited options for tours by the public - Lick is open during the day, but only has night time viewing on a few nights each year. Ames has a nice visitor center, but the only time you can get inside the gates is for the Air Show (or to film a MythBusters episode). To contrast, Chabot is open to the public most days of the year, and has public telescope viewing every clear Friday or Saturday night. The planetarium and Mega-Dome theater are world class. For telescopes, Chabot's 20" refractor and 36" reflector dwarf the telescopes available at most public observatories, including some that are praised in this book. The author asks for suggestions for future editions, I know he'll be receiving some from Chabot fans... The book includes a section on visiting Roswell and Area 51, this is good for amusement value. There are also pointers for visiting some of the great space related museums and NASA facilities. The last chapter is a helpful list of ways have fun with space science - I can vouch for the joys of star parties and solar eclipse travel, but I will have to delay the sub-orbital flight until the prices come down. Overall I think this is a useful and interesting book, but make a point to check out the Chabot center if you are looking for astronomy in the San Francisco Bay area!

Finding all the fascinating scientific sites to visit throughout America can be a daunting task. This guidebook does all the work for you. The first in a series of travel books that will celebrate science and technology in America, *Guidebook for the Scientific Traveler* describes astronomy and space-related museums and attractions that conventional travel guides tend to ignore. So, gas up the car, grab some snacks for the road, and get started on the voyage.

Duane Nickell has created a superbly original and intriguing book with *Astronomy and Space Exploration*. The *Scientific Traveler* concept is unique, yet so simple, it leaves you wondering why it hasn't been thought up before. -- Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist, American Museum of Natural History, and author of *Death By Black Hole and Other Cosmic Quandaries* "Nickell's relaxed and intimate writing style brings the reader along on fascinating personal journeys to a wide variety of ancient and modern science-related sites. You don't have to be a science enthusiast to enjoy visiting this intriguing cross-section of diverse destinations." "Nickell's relaxed and intimate writing style brings the reader along on fascinating personal journeys to a wide variety of ancient and modern science-related sites. You don't have to be a science enthusiast to enjoy visiting this intriguing cross-section of diverse destinations." Do you love visiting the planetarium? Are you fascinated by the history of NASA? Is seeing the Northern Lights on your life list? If so, *Guidebook for the Scientific Traveler* can help you plan your next trips.